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Docket No. 981

In Re Application Of: **STEIGER**

Serial No.  
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Invention: **SPRAYING METHOD AND A SPRAY SYSTEM FOR COATING LIQUIDS**

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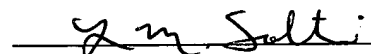
It is requested that the Examiner give full consideration to the information identified on the attached Form PTO-1449, and make it of record in this application.

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Kindly complete and return a copy of the attached Form PTO-1449 to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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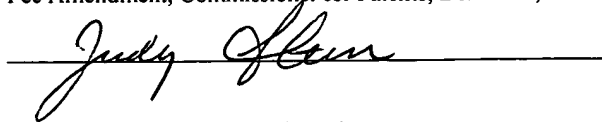
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